

primary, concerning candidates for federal office.

Second, authorization to the Attorney General to bring injunction or other civil proceedings on behalf of the United States or the aggrieved person in any case covered by the statute, as so changed.

Third, elimination of the requirement that all state administrative and judicial remedies must be exhausted before access can be had to the federal court.

IV

Under another civil rights statute (section 1985 of Title 42 of the United States Code) conspiracies to interfere with certain rights can be redressed only by a civil suit by the individual injured thereby. I urge consideration by the Congress and the proposed Bipartisan Commission of a proposal authorizing the Attorney General to initiate civil action where necessary to protect the rights secured by that statute.

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I believe that consideration of these proposals not only will give us the means intelligently to meet our responsibility for the safeguarding of Constitutional rights in this country, but will reaffirm our determination to secure equal justice under law for all people.

Sincerely,

Attorney General

